## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A method of depositing a silicon carbide on a substrate from a vapor phase or a liquid phase, comprising the steps of:

depositing a silicon layer on the substrate;

doping the silicon layer with an impurity composed of at least one element selected from a group consisting of N, B, Al, Ga, In, P, As, Sb, Se, Zn, O, Au, V, Er, Ge, and Fe, to form a doped silicon layer; and

carbonizing the doped silicon layer into a silicon carbide layer of the silicon carbide doped with the impurity.

 A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step, the doping step, and the carbonizing step are carried out during epitaxially growing a thin film on the substrate by the use of a chemical vapor deposition technique;

the silicon layer deposition step being carried out by using a gas of a silane group or a dichlorosilane group as a silicon raw material while the carbonizing step is carried out by the use of an unsaturated carbohydrate gas.

- A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step is followed by the doping step and the carbonizing step is carried out after the doping step.
- 4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step and the doping step are simultaneously carried out and are followed by the carbonizing step.
- 5. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step and the doping step are simultaneously carried out while the carbonizing step is carried out when a predetermined time lapses after the start of both the silicon depositing and the doping steps.

- 6. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon carbide layer doped with the impurity is deposited to a desired thickness by repeating a process unit composed of the silicon depositing step, the doping step, and the carbonizing step a plurality of times.
- 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein an amount of impurity is varied during each doping step of the unit processes to provide a plurality of silicon carbide layers which have different impurity concentrations in a thickness direction, respectively.
- 8. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the doping step controls an amount of impurity so that impurity concentrations in the silicon carbide fall within a range between  $1 \times 10^{13}$  / cm<sup>3</sup> to  $1 \times 10^{21}$  / cm<sup>3</sup>.
- 9. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the doping step controls an amount of impurity so that an impurity concentration gradient falls within a range between  $10 \times 10^{18}$ /cm<sup>4</sup> and  $4 \times 10^{24}$ /cm<sup>4</sup> in a thickness direction of the silicon carbide layer.
- 10. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substrate has a surface which is structured by either one of a single crystal silicon, a silicon carbide of a cubic system, and a silicon carbide of a hexagonal system while the silicon carbide layer deposited on the surface of the substrate is structured by silicon carbide of a cubic system or a hexagonal system.
- 11. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of: removing the substrate from the silicon carbide layer after the formation of the doped silicon carbide, to leave a silicon carbide wafer.
- 12. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the doping step of each process unit is carried out by varying a species of the impurities from one to another at each process unit to provide a pn junction in the doped silicon carbide layer.

13. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of: using, as a seed crystal, the doped silicon carbide obtained in claim 1; and

further growing a silicon carbide on the seed crystal by a vapor deposition method, a sublimation re-crystallization method, or a liquid deposition method.

- 14. A silicon carbide having a region which has an impurity concentration gradient between 1 x  $10^{22}$ /cm<sup>4</sup> and 4 x  $10^{24}$ /cm<sup>4</sup> in the thickness direction.
- 15. A semiconductor device having the silicon carbide manufactured by the method claimed in claim 1.
- 16. A semiconductor device structured by the silicon carbide claimed in claim 14.
- 17. A method of depositing a silicon carbide doped with an impurity, comprising the steps of:

doping the impurity into a silicon to form a doped silicon; and carbonizing, after the doping, the doped silicon into the silicon carbide.

- 18. A method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising the step of preparing an undoped silicon prior to the doping step.
- 19. A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the impurity is composed of at least one element selected from a group consisting of N, B, Al, Ga, In, P, As, Sb, Se, Zn, O, Au, V, Er, Ge, and Fe.